1880 - Rev. J. M. Shields, Jemes, N. Mex.

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United States Indian Service,

PUEBLO AGENCY,

Jemes ~~Santa Fe~~, N. M., Oct 6th, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Doctor.

I have been looking most anxiously for some word about a teacher for the Springs. I am afraid Miss Work has gone to Utah. If She has, Cant you send some one else? If we Cant get a teacher for that point and that soon, the disappointment will be bitter. It has been promised and the whole Community Knows it and if we dont get a teacher, it will

be a great disappointment to
the dear Christian people who
deserve it and should have it,
and then all this Catholic
element will make fun
and boast. You know very well
what is at stake here and
I trust and hope you will
do all possible to send a good
Christian lady. I don't ask
that any less should be done
for Utah, only we need more
good help in New Mexico.
We have rec'd one more Mexican
member since you were here
and one died. God is blessing
us here and as the good
influence widens we must have
more help. Our School is open

again with good enough prospects.
We hope to do more than ever
for these dear children if God
Spares us this winter.

As soon as you know
what the Board will do for
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Know. The Society that has
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to Keep on another year and
if the Board will not Commission
her I am afraid the Board
will lose the money and the
influence of the Society too.

If the Board can only understand
it, we need her in School and
must have her whether she is
paid or not. I hear no word of

my Salary being raised and unless Mrs S. is paid we will hardly be able to live on it now, and School our Boys.

Another thing. Could you write to Washington and find out something about the Jones mail. You know the Contractor utterly refuses to give a mail directly and we can only send mail west or get mail from the west by way of S. Fe. If the Contractor is paid for delivering the mail to Jones directly, then we should not be treated as we have been. It is carried here by a Mexican boy who is not responsible in any way, not being sworn and is not fit to be sworn. The Contractor supplies Jones a kind of a way cheap, and most likely gets well paid for what he dont do. Hopes to hear from you soon I Remain Truly Yours.

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from J. M. Shields
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New Mexico

1891.

Jemes New Mexico Mar 25

Miss Elizabeth Smith.

Dear Miss.

Yours of 23rd recieved. I will be very glad to do any thing I can to help you to get a School room at Cerrules. You certainly need it and should have it at once. I am writing Mrs. Haines to day, and will ask her to help you. If anything further is needed please let me know.

With Kind Regards and many wishes for your success I Am Truly Yours.

J. M. Shields.

Rev J. M. Shields
Bmd Building at
Corrales N. Mexico

James March 25th 1881

Mrs. Haines

I have a letter from Miss Elizabeth Smith at Corrales in reference to funds to build a Schoolroom. They certainly need it and if you can do anything for them it will be well applied.

If the Board intends to keep a missionary at Corrales there should be some buildings at once.

Very Respectfully

J. M. Shields

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(881) Jemez, N. Mex.

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Jemez. N. Mex.

Jemes New Mexico Jan 25th 1881
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Mrs F. E. H. Haines

Dear Madam.

Yours of the 15th came last evening. As to the current expenses of the school I can hardly say definitely. The government furnishes some books, furniture, &c. &c. As to repairs, wood, brooms &c. government it seems can do nothing. The 1st winter I paid for all the wood. Last winter I got some from the Indians on account of some government goods. The Agent allowed me to require them to bring some wood if they wanted goods. This winter so far I am paying for the wood for both schools. I have had to spend a good deal to keep the Jemes Mission running but it is all right. I have no bills to lay in. We have a comfortable home and I am willing to do my share to keep everything going. As to naming a scholar to be kept by a society I hardly know what to say. We need the help very

badly would the friends be willing
to help us in the way we would think
best? You know the Children have
all to live at home and they just
come to school from home. To keep all
in a good humor we have to treat
all alike as near as we can.
We are always needing clothing for
them and if the Society would just
send, plain strong dresses, Shirts plain
and strong for boys, little shoes and
stockings, Shawls &c, we can give the
articles to the most deserving, and
do much good for the whole school.
We need such help and could
you get some ones to do something?
Two of our especial favorites, (little
girls,) have gone to the boarding
school at Albuquerque. In spite of
difficulties and the bad, bad, surrounding,
some of the Children are learning.
But it is a terrible place in an
Indian town to try to teach Children.
We have to go much for the Children

to get their confidence and keep them
in school. Dear Christian friends have
helped us to clothe them. But the
supply is never equal to the demand.
Many are but poorly clad, and sometimes
they come to school through the snow
and cold, have failed and sometimes
with but little clothing. As to Miss
Shurtleff, it is a great pity that
she could not have come as promptly.
You know we have 2 school rooms
here and no less than 2 teachers
can run it right; even for one day.
I have to teach, preach, & doctor and
look after everything. We need another
teacher under any circumstances, but
more especially now. Mrs. S. expects
to be confined about April 1st.
She has too much to do here and
how shall we get along in such
a place as this and with so much to
do if help does not come now.
Now you know it all. If you can
do anything for us, do it right away.

Mrs. S. Is now the assistant U. S. Teacher and whoever comes can be commissioned by the Board. When my Cousin left you Know the place was vacant. Mrs. Shields Commission had expired Sept 15th and at the middle of Dec. mine had Come. We did not know what to do, but concluded that it was best for to take Lewis place. The Board sent a Commission lately and also have paid her for one quarter She has resigned from Dec. 15th and as the salary is just the same it will make no difference to the Board. It will save the board of paying from Dec. 15th until one Comes here. Be assured we are trying to advance the work here and anything you Can do to help us will be thankfully received. Please let us Know what you Can do for us. Mrs. S. almost gets discouraged sometimes.

With Kindest regards. Truly Yours.

J. M. Shields.

Miss S. Comes?

I thank you ever so much for the interest you take in this field. Send on the workers and by the Grace of God we will try & sing this Heavy Load for Jesus. But few Sections of New Mexico are more interesting than this part and many people will soon be like Miss S. is well and has had to teach so far.

With Kindest Regards

Yours Truly.

J. Milton Shields,

James R. Dec. 1881.
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Jemez. N. Mex.

LA BELLE

Jemez New Mex Mar 25-81

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of 10th Came to my hand to day. Too Late to write to Miss Harris She will have to go to Albuquerque and I will try and get her promptly. Just why our teachers are sent there I cannot tell again. It will add not less than $25 to her expenses and then a weeks time will be lost. I wrote to Dr. Kendall of this. Please direct Miss Shurtleff to Come to Jemez Directly. Buckboards are running right through Jemez and

by coming to Santa Fe
time and expense will
be saved. Or if She
dont want to come
to Santa Fe She can
come to Bernalillo which
is only 25 miles from
here and there is a
good new bridge over the
Rio Grande. In May the
Rio Grande will be high
and Miss Shuttleff had
better come to Bernalillo.
But please dont send her
away down to Albuquerque.
We are real glad to hear
of the coming of Miss
Harris. She is needed
here and we will try to
treat her well. The Indians
are very willing to have
the children taught now.

Here we also have now a good home & Lady Coming here will be very comfortably fixed and will not need to know any real hardship. The Engineers are coming up our valley surveying a R. R. to the Springs and we expect them here in a few days. The Jemez Mountains are full of valuable timber and if this R. R. is built it will turn this Country into a different place.

Henry or Miss S. do we can start the school at the Springs and we want to build there this summer by all means. Can You do anything to help us by the time